

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**<u>Incident:</u>** Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Vehicle Arrest

**Location:** 1700 Block North Ventura Ave.

**Date/Time Occurred**: 06/03/22 @ 1642 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol

Suspect(s): Joseph Centeno, 03/27/02, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 22-34949

## Narrative:

On June 3, 2022, at approximately 1642 hours, a Ventura Police Patrol Officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation in the 1700 block of North Ventura Avenue. The officer contacted the driver, Joseph Centeno, and learned that Centeno was on probation. Centeno and other occupants were removed from the vehicle, and a search was conducted pursuant to Centeno's probation terms. During the search, a loaded, unregistered semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine was found concealed in the vehicle's passenger compartment. An inspection of the firearm revealed a threaded barrel capable of accepting a suppressor.

Centeno was arrested and booked at Ventura County Jail for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, carrying a concealed firearm, and possession of an assault weapon.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

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